

1	SPECIAL ARTICLES	8.1	FEEDING
2	.Envelope	9.01	.Multiple supplies
3.01	DELIVERING TO STACK AND FEEDING THEREFROM	9.02	..Sheet feeding from one supply controls feeding from another supply
3.02	.Aligning at stack	9.03	...Responsive to empty supply
3.03	.Intermediate tray	9.04	...Alternate feeding
3.04	.With job divider (e.g., resettable bail bar or double bar separator)	9.05	..Supply selection (e.g., sheet color)
3.05	.Feeding from bottom of stack	9.06	...Size selection
3.06	..Control for feeding responsive to delivering	9.07	..Single separator acts on multiple supplies
3.07	..Pneumatic separating	9.08	...Movably mounted supply
3.08	.Feeding from top of stack	9.09	..Including manual supply
3.09	..Control for feeding responsive to delivering	9.1	..Including continuous web supply
3.11	..Pneumatic separating	9.11	..Superposed supplies
3.12	.Sheets on edges	9.12	..Juxtaposed supplies
3.13	.With sheet sensor for selective location	9.13	..With convergence to single path
3.14	FEEDING AND DELIVERING	10.01	.Separator and conveyor
3.15	.Sensor located at the feeder and controls the delivering	11	..Pneumatic separator
3.16	..Having timer	12	...Endless conveyor
3.17	.Sensor located at the delivering and controls the feeding	13	....Side aligner
3.18	.Conveyor releases to subsequent conveyor	14	...Reciprocating conveyor
3.19	..With alternate conveying path	15	...Side aligner
3.2	..Including conveyor couple	16	..Buckling separator and endless conveyor
3.21	..On peripheral face of drum or belt	17	...Side aligner
3.22	...Pneumatic	10.02	..Sensor located at the separator and controls the conveyor
3.23	..Including pneumatic conveyor	10.03	..Sensor located at the conveyor and controls the separator
3.24	..Including gripper couple	10.04	..Mechanically linked for simultaneous operation
4.01	.Separator and conveyor	10.05	..Selective drive (e.g., number of degree of rotation)
5	..Pneumatic separator	10.06	..Endless belt separator
6	..Continuous endless conveyor	10.07	...To endless belt conveyor
4.02	..Sensor located at the separator and controls the conveyor	10.08	...To rotary conveyor
4.03	..Sensor located at the conveyor and controls the separator	10.09	..Rotary separator
4.04	..Mechanically linked for simultaneous operation	10.1	...To endless belt conveyor
4.05	..Endless belt separator	10.11	...To rotary conveyor
4.06	...To endless belt conveyor	10.12	....With aligning
4.07	...To rotary conveyor	10.13	....With clutch
4.08	..Rotary separator	10.14	..Reciprocating separator
4.09	...To endless belt conveyor	10.15	...To endless belt conveyor
4.1	...To rotary conveyor	10.16	...To rotary conveyor
4.11	..Reciprocating separator	18	.Separators
4.12	...To rotary conveyor	18.1	..Magnetic or electrostatic
7	.Continuous endless conveyors	18.2	...Cyclicly moving
		18.3	..Surface-piercing element(s)
		19	..Buckling
		20	...Pneumatic
		21	...Rotary

22	....Pack advancer	113	...Separator rotating in plane of foremost sheet
23	....Bottom feed	114	...Variably or intermittently driven
24	...Pack advancer	115	....In oscillatory movement
25	....Feeler control	116	....By over-running one-way drive
90	..Pneumatic	117	...Separator adjustable or retractable relative to pack
91	...Plural, relatively-moving suction members	118	....Feed by successive approach and retraction
92	....Laterally receding members (e.g., for tautening sheet laterally)	119	...Separator having non-uniform periphery
93	....Including members for separating and members for forwarding sheet	120	....Including relatively movable elements
94	...Unidirectionally-moving suction member or surface	121	...With means to restrain feed of next sheet
95	....Having additional movement	122	....By restrainer having rearwardly moving surface
96	....With means to adjust suction	123	....By restrainer acting on rear end of sheet
97	...Sheet removal by pressurized gas	124	....By adjustable restrainer
98	....And suction means	125	....Including restraining roller
99	...Suction member acting on bottom of pack	126	...With means to urge pack toward separator
100	....Oscillating member bending margin of bottom sheet	127	....Including pivoted pack holder
101	.....With moving segments supporting remainder of pack	42	..Reciprocating
102	....Suction member reciprocating perpendicularly to sheet	128	...With pack advancer
103	...Sheet-moving action of suction member results from engagement with sheet	129	....With sheet on edge
104	...With means to restrain feed of next sheet	130	....And feeler control for advancer
105	...Means effecting preliminary operation on sheets in pack	131	...Bottom feed
106	....Suction member flexing sheet or portion	132	....Suction assisted
107	...Oscillating suction member	133	....With means to prepare pack or bottom sheet for feeding
108	...Controlled by valve means	134	....By relief of pack weight
30.1	...Pack advancer	135	....By partial planar movement of bottom sheet
31	....Feeler control	136	...With means to skip or stop feed
31.1	....Stack on edge	137	...With means to restrain feed of next sheet
33	..Adhesive	138	....By adjustable exit or throat
34	..Endless belt	139	....By pusher reciprocating variably or non-rectilinearly
35	...Bottom feed	140	....Orbital (e.g., four-way) motion of pusher
109	..Rotary	141	....By pin (e.g., pointed) pusher
37	...Preliminary protrusion	142	....By adjustable (e.g., for sheet thickness) pusher
38	....Feeler control	143	....By self-aligning (e.g., yieldable) pushers
110	...Control of separator responsive to sensing of sheet	144	...Holder adjustable to size of sheet
111	....Including plural separators or plural sensors		
112	...Suction assisted		

- 225 ..By means to change direction of sheet travel
- 226 ..With means to align sheet
- 227 ..Responsive to sheet-sensor
- 228 ...To control gripper-couple moving sheet to alignment
- 229 ..With means to retard sheet before alignment
- 230 ...By member moved with sheet
- 231Including suction retarder
- 232 ..Against aligner entering hole in sheet
- 233 ..Against rear-edge aligner
- 234 ..Against plural aligning assemblages
- 235 ...For incremental travel against successive front-edge aligners
- 236 ...For front and side alignment of sheet
- 237Alignment of imbricated sheets
- 238Including oppositely-disposed side-edge aligners
- 239 ...Plural aligners selectively used
- 240 ...Oppositely-disposed side-edge aligners
- 241 ..By aligning a sheet-holder and its sheets
- 242 ..Against temporarily-stopped conveyer
- 243 ..Against front-edge aligner moved in direction of sheet travel
- 244 ...By retro-moving front-edge aligner
- 245 ..Against front-edge aligner interposed into sheet path
- 246 ...Synchronized with intermittently-active conveyor-couple
- 247Including sheet-margin gripper
- 248 ..Against aligner adjacent side edge of sheet
- 249 ...By shifting aligner and gripper-couple laterally of sheet travel
- 250 ...By means to shift sheet laterally against aligner
- 251By oblique conveyer
- 252By gripper-couple pulling sheet laterally
- 253 ..With means to adjust position of aligner
- 254 ...During operation of feeder
- 255 ...With indicator of aligner position
- 256 ..With means to interrupt feeding
- 258.01 ..Responsive to sheet sensor
- 259 ...Plural sensors
- 260Pneumatic sensors (e.g., to sense superposed sheets)
- 261Laterally spaced sensors (e.g., to sense misalignment)
- 262 ...Excess-thickness sensor
- 263To activate an electric circuit
- 258.02 ...Interrupts feeding upstream only
- 258.03 ...Single sensor with timer
- 258.04 ...Sensor operates warning indicator
- 258.05 ...Mechanical linkage
- 257 ..Manually controlled (e.g., for alternate-cycle feed)
- 264 ..By means to convey sheet (e.g., from pack to operation)
- 265.01 ..Responsive to sheet sensor
- 265.02 ...Plural sensors
- 265.03Laterally spaced sensors
- 265.04 ...Thickness sensor
- 266 ..With intermittent movement of the sheet
- 267 ..On oscillating or reciprocating conveyer
- 268 ...Including gripper-couple
- 269 ...Including rear-edge pusher
- 270 ..With means to vary speed of conveyor sheet
- 271 ..By rear-edge pusher
- 272 ..Between superposed conveyor couple
- 273 ...Having means to permit separation of couple
- 274Including couple-elements resiliently urged together
- 275 ..On peripheral face of drum or belt
- 276 ...Including pneumatic means
- 277 ...Including gripper-couple
- 145 ..Pack holders
- 146 ..With means to vibrate pack
- 147 ..Advancer
- 148 ...With means to move portions of advancer unequally (e.g., for unequal-thickness sheets)
- 149 ...For on-edge or imbricated sheets

150	....Supported by moving conveyor belt	288	...With control means to vary mode of operation
151	.....For imbricated sheets	289	....To bypass array of receivers
152	...Control of advancer responsive to sensing of foremost sheet	290	.....To route sheets to subsequent array of receivers
153	....Sensor included in feed mechanism	291	...With selective actuation of means for inverting duplex sheets
154	....Sensor activates electric or fluidic circuit	292	...With movable receivers or receiver portions
155	.....Controlled electric or fluidic motor actuates advancer	293	....With means to increase spacing between receiver defining portions
156	....Controlled pawl and ratchet actuates advancer	294	....Receivers moving into registry with delivery zone
157	...With means to replenish pack or retract advancer platform	295	.....Receivers arranged in rotary array
158	....Using plural platforms during continuous operation of feeder	296	...By diverter or conveyor moving past receivers
159	.....And plural drives for plural platforms	297	...By individual diverter for each receiver
160	...Urged by spring or weight	298	..With means to program discharge destination
161	..With means to bow sheets	299	..To laterally spaced receivers
162	..Holder movable relative to feed position	300	..By release from conveyor at plural locations
163	..Holder convertible from feed to delivery	301	..Selectively to recirculating path or exit
164	..Holder moved parallel to plane of sheets	302	..By conveyor section movable to direct sheets along alternate paths
165	..For feed from bottom of pack	303	..With movable diverter
166	...With means to relieve weight of pack	304	...Bidirectionally rotating diverter roller
167	..With means to restrain feed of next sheet	305	...Individual diverter for each receiver
168	..By sheet-impaling restrainer	65	.Optional face or back
169	..By lateral margin or side-edge restrainer	66	..Endless conveyors to flies
170	....Corner snubber	67	.Endless conveyors to curtains
171	..Holder adjustable to size of sheet	69	.Endless conveyors to other conveyors
278	DELIVERING	70	..To flies
279	..Multiple discharge	72	.Rotary conveyors to flies
280	..For separating sheet from moving assemblage of sheets	73	.Curtains
281	...By separating member moving in direction opposite of assemblage	306	.With transfer means between conveyor and receiver
282	...By sheet attracting means	307	..Means to strip sheets from engagement with moving conveyor
283	....Pneumatic attracting means	308	...Stripper cyclically movable between stripping and nonstripping position
284	.....Opposed pneumatic attracting means	309	...By air blast
285	...With leading edges of sheets offset	310	...By means to attract sheet from conveyor
286	....With means to cause offset		
287	..Of successive sheets to plural receivers in succession		

311	...Stripper normally in contact with conveyor surface	202	..With means to vary speed of sheets on conveyor(s)
312	...Stripper normally in spaced relation to conveyor surface	203	...By cyclicly varying conveyor speed
313	....With means to maintain constant spacing of movable stripper	204	..Suspension gripper
175	..Means to drape sheets over horizontal bar	205	...For lateral margins of conveyed sheet
176	..Responsive to delivered sheet	206	...With means to adjust gripper
177	..Means to push sheets out of edgewise into broadside movement (e.g., packer)	314	.Rotary conveyor
178	...Rotating packer	315	..With circumferential pocket members
179	....Screw or helix	81	..Traveling
180	...By reciprocating or oscillating packer	82	..Suspension gripper
181	....Packing sheets on-edge into receiver	83	..Flies
182	..Means to retard sheets	84	.Reciprocating conveyors
183	...By suction retarder	85	..Suspension gripper
184	..Means to change orientation or direction of sheets during delivery	207	.To receiver for pack of sheets
185	...Orientation-changing means	208	..With means to discharge static electricity
186	....Sheet inverting means	209	..With means to bow sheets
187	....By rotating circumferential-pocket members	210	..With means to vibrate receiver
188	..Means to bow sheets during delivery	211	..With air cushion between sheet and pack
189	..Means temporarily interposed between conveyor and receiver	212	..For receiving sheets from below the pack
190	...Transversely-disposed, gapped sheet-supports on endless carrier	213	..With movable sheet-surface support
191	...Endless belt on reciprocating carrier	214	...Receding from delivery zone (e.g., retractor)
192	...Counter-rotating supports for lateral margins	215	....Responsive to increase
193	.By electrostatic or magnetic conveyor	216	....Conveyor-receiver for imbricated sheets
194	.By pneumatic conveyor	217	....Lowering as pack-height increases
195	..Using pressurized gas	218	....With auxiliary support for part of pile
196	..Unidirectionally-moving suction member or surface	219	....Spring-loaded support
197	...Including endless-belt conveyor and suction chamber	220	..With movable pack-limiting member(s) (e.g., hold-down)
198	.By endless conveyor	221	...And means to move members cyclicly against sheet edges (e.g., jogger)
199	..Operation controlled by delivered sheet	222	....And yieldable connection in moving means
200	..With delivery end movably relative to pack receiver	223	...Members adjustable to sheet size
201	...Moving away from increasing delivered pack	224	....Sheet-impact bumper member
<u>CROSS-REFERENCE ART COLLECTIONS</u>			
900	STRIPPER		
901	MAGNETIC OPERATION		

- 902 REVERSE DIRECTION OF SHEET
MOVEMENT
- 903 TRAVELING WICKET (FOR STACK ON
EDGE)

FOREIGN ART COLLECTIONS

FOR CLASS-RELATED FOREIGN DOCUMENTS